

# 142 SOLDIERS FOR, ONLY ONE AGAINST THE BEER-WINE TAX

Yesterday's Poll Reveals How  
Ex-Service Men Want  
Bonus Paid.

Out of 143 blanks filled out by service men and received by The Evening World yesterday, only one comes from a man who is opposed to financing a general bonus by legalizing beer and light wines and taxing them. The one man who voted "No" added no opinion to his ballot. One woman stenographer of an overseas base hospital voted "Yes."

Thus far the ratio of those who favor modification of the Volstead act as an excise tax outnumber those who would rather meet the demand for a bonus out of a general sales tax or a bond issue or by deferring payments on liberty bonds with the repayments of loans by the Allies is over 38 to 1.

From Connecticut comes a suggestion that there are former soldiers who are dissatisfied with the American Legion's policy of not permitting its officers to run for political office and of keeping clear of party politics. Robert L. Givens of No. 58 Sixth Avenue, Brooklyn, who was twenty-five months in the navy, writes from Connecticut:

"Most all the service men I know have lost faith in the United States Senators regarding the bonus and prohibition question.

"As a result there is a movement under way in this State to organize all service men into a political party which will vote according to the service obtained for them by the politicians.

"Have been in this city for two years and 99 per cent. of the veterans want the bonus.

"The service men I speak of are well educated and intelligent characters, either American or Irish-American."

## BONUS OR BOOTLEGGER?

VETERANS' OPINIONS ON A BONUS BY AMENDMENT OF VOLSTEAD ACT.

	Yes.	No.	Army.	Navy.	Marines.	Seas.	Over-
Received Feb. 28	142	1	122	18	3	123	
Previously Received	1404	40	1141	280	23	1175	
Total	1546	41	1263	298	26	1298	

They do not wish to see the country burdened by further taxation, but feel that a modification of the Volstead act will injure no one and bring in more than the desired revenue which is needed for the bonus.

William Dennis of Brighton Beach, Corporal in Motor Transport Company 418, says:

"I am in favor of the light wines and beers. The reason is because the bootleggers are running the country. Also it will pay the soldiers' bonus without effect on the people."

Edward G. Nelson of No. 1816 Palmetto Street, fifteen months in France as a Sergeant in the 48th Aero Squadron, says:

"As the Prohibitionists seem to have Congress buffaloed, why not fire the lot of them and put ex-service men in their places? Surely Anderson and his sniping gang have not got anything on us."

Ernest Hinton, W. Van Dewey O. Ellison, thirteen months in foreign service in the infantry, writes that he speaks for thirty-five former Regular Army soldiers. He says that down among the coke ovens bootlegging is contagious; "for every bootlegger caught two new ones start up," and he and they feel the soldiers will earn new gratitude from the rest of the population if the demand for a bonus leads to the abolishing of the bootlegger.

Harold A. Herrick of No. 106 East 15th Street, overseas with the 7th Division, doubts the need for a bonus, but adds:

"If, however, there is no other way to modify the Volstead act, which at the present time is not only being broken by all classes of citizens, including members of the bench and bar, but is rapidly destroying a proper regard for all laws, then I favor such legislation as will enable beer and light wines to be sold under proper

restrictions and a tax placed upon them for revenue purposes."

James E. Hammond of No. 864 Lexington Avenue, who enlisted in the navy at nineteen and was in convoy service, says:

"I have been approached five times in one evening for assistance by ex-service men. Return the wines and beer and assist the poor, starving, helpless youths who sacrificed their entire future by bringing home the bacon to a lot of heartless slackers."

Overseas men had a chance to study the effect of light wine and beer drinking as a national habit. They also had under observation the effect of such beverages on young Americans. This is what G. D. Ettebel of No. 152 St. Ann's Avenue saw in eleven months in France with the 8th Field Artillery:

"By all means they should raise the bonus by taxing wine and beer. I never did see in my ten months in France a soldier who became intoxicated on wine or beer. The 'white mule,' which was about 150 proof, and cognac did the trick."

Martin Cullane, Machine Gun Company, 106th Infantry, ten months overseas:

"Although not a drinking man myself, I do believe that a hard-working man should have his beer if he cares for it. Wines and beer would also keep the young folks' minds off bootleg whiskey. It will also get us our bonus and put thousands of idle men to work."

Dr. Edward Wallace Lee of No. 614 Madison Avenue, Major in the Medical Corps, serving five months in Porto Rico, is one of Saturday's eight "No" voters. He says:

"I am not in favor of a bonus, especially if raised by a tax on light wines and beers—I am absolutely opposed to any tax on light wines and

beers. What a possibility there would be for nullifying the whole 15th Amendment if light wines and beers were taxed! If they keep on they will be (as has been done in some communities) taking gambling houses, disorderly houses and crime generally to raise a soldiers' bonus. Absolute prohibition and temperance is the only salvation for this country."

John Lavegha, No. 110 Sands Street, Brooklyn, is grimly frank in voting yes:

"I was drafted overseas to fight for liberty and democracy. Before we left we had wine and beer. And when we came back we got Prohibition and no bonus. Give us back our wine and beer and they will pay for the bonus and beat the bootlegger."

Walter F. Hronstene, Sergeant, 59th Engineers, overseas eighteen months, like many other veterans who urge an amendment of the Volstead act, is a total abstainer, but:

"As a veteran of the World War, I am of the opinion that we should have a voice in this matter as to whether we shall have beer and light wine or not. We went many miles from this country to defend the flag and returned to find that a few men who are supposed to represent us put something over while we were away. We men who defended

the flag in this last war did not have any say and I think it is about time we woke up.

"As for myself, I do not care if beer and wine return again, as I never did partake of it, but because I do not care for it does not mean others should be deprived of it.

"There are thousands with me who are in favor of a modification of the Volstead act to tax the sale of beer and wine to pay the bonus."

George Genaille of No. 587 West 177th Street, six months in the air service, sent in the "Yes" signature of six besides himself.

"Mighty sorry," he says, "I have not much spare time to give this wonderful idea, as I know there are millions other ex-service men who think the same as the few whose names I send you."

Louis Michaels of No. 352 East 101st Street, eighteen months overseas with Company "E," 2d Engineers, and wounded, says:

"I am unconditionally in favor of the repeal of the Volstead act, or, if this cannot be secured, for an immediate amendment of the act legalizing light wines and beers.

"What do I want with the bonus? I, a married man, am desirous of securing a loan, under one of the options, for the purpose of building a home for myself. I do not desire any

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